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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No.: 09/995,638 ) Group Art Unit: 1733  
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For: METHOD AND PLANT FOR )  
MANUFACTURING A BELT )  
STRUCTURE, A BELT )  
PACKAGE AND A CROWN )  
STRUCTURE OF A GREEN )  
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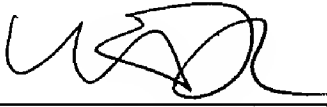
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 23, 2002. The items checked below are attached:

- ☒ Substitute Preliminary Amendment; and
- ☒ Appendix to Substitute Preliminary Amendment Dated January 31, 2002.

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